

BOLK STREET • DUBLIN
Managing Director.

CRUISKEEN LAWN

At a recent Dublin Corporation discussion on a cooked meals service, several speakers referred to the danger of the Corporation getting a raw deal. In all Ireland there is probably nobody who will not admit that he has had raw deals by the dozen. Now raw deal is a commodity that should be very carefully husbanded in these days of timber famine. Every person who has

hand raw deals delivered to him should send me a postcard so that I can have the stuff collected. It is readily seasoned and surpasses larch and teak for pilancy and toughness. Impoverished Parisian musicians are known to have made good violins from the various raw deals handed out to them by life. I have sixty Petrograd standards of raw deal for disposal myself and will gladly present it to any charitable institution that undertakes to take me

SEND IN YOUR CHEQUE.

Are you a member of the Dublin WAAMA League? This organisation is comparable to the Friends of the Irish Academy of Letters (of which I think I am President). Members of the Dublin WAAMA League are pledged to pay out, through me, good money to

WAAMA as often as they have it. In exchange, they are permitted to salute genuine members of WAAMA in the street, talk about "my friend, Mr. So-and-So, the writer," and attend WAAMA feeds at a specially reduced price. Furthermore, a paid-up member of the WAAMA League is automatically a Friend of the Friends of the Irish Academy of Letters, a part-member of the Irish Writers' Circle, an associate non-paying member of the

Consolidated Ballet Factors' Union, a quasi-associate of the Irish Versus Speaking Club, a non-cutting member of the Piano Cut Legion (which is affiliated with the Achill Corduroy Circle), an acting doe in the Blue Stags Club, and a fully fledged member of the Myles MacGaleen Social Club. Members must have robust noses, because they will never be finished paying' through them. The WAAMA League is under

my own sole direction, so that everybody is assured of a square deal. Shortly we will be getting out our own little magazine. This cannot be done, of course, without money. Already we are £53 in debt as a result of our heavy preliminary expenses. This figure does not include considerable sums paid by me out of my own pocket. If we can find 53 people who have a guinea and who believe in the things that

It is true that I have had a letter from WAAMA itself denouncing me, threatening to "expose" me and saying it will have nothing to do with myself or my friendship. My organisation, however, will not be ditched by a mere letter or by the jealous squeals of people who want the whole garden to themselves. They can hold them-

themselves. They may now themselves afoot from the boy next door, but the boy next door is going to continue to be friendly. My devotion to the things that matter transcends any personal consideration, and my organization will be maintained, even if the going gets as rough as a rat's back.

And here is an important announcement. The Dublin WAAMA League, in conjunction with the Gaelic League, is having a *tuise* or outing to the Pine

forest on Sunday next. Nature in the
law is seldom mild. Train leaves Har-
pout street at 2.15. Plenty of cailins,
melodians and hairy knees. A halt
will be made at the first cross-roads
for a bout of verse-speaking. After
that there will be a general debate.
Mr. So-and-So said that he 'ought
that poetry was functional rather than
organic. We saw what happened in
the Spanish war. A kosmos that was

Marxian dialectic could scarcely be expected to recognise the eternal paradox that was inherent in all true poetry."

Come now. Who is going to snatch the honour of paying my WAAMA League its first guinea?

FROM THE PROVINCES.

"At a Children's Court in Killmean

At a Children's Court in Kansas on Tuesday, — (aged 11 years) was charged with the larceny of a lady's bicycle and a quantity of turf. The boy pleaded guilty. Sergeant Weir, giving evidence of character, said that this was a strange boy, and his parents could not control him. Even when he was seven years of age he walked to his grandmother's house seven miles away during a snowstorm, and brought a two-months' old baby along with him. He

— *Meath Chronicle*, 6-9-41

CLARE LABOURER'S DEATH STATE PATHOLOGIST REQUISITIONED

Dr. John McGrath, the State Pathologist, was called in to help in in-

Investigating the death of Patrick Madigan, a ganger employed by the Clare County Council, and residing at Pough, Kilkee. Madigan was a married man and the father of 15 in family.

On last Tuesday morning he left his home, carrying his mid-day meal. After taking the meal he was seen standing, pale and trembling, on the road. A companion asked him was

An inquest was opened by Dr. M. J. Killery, coroner, and, after evidence of identification, it was adjourned to enable the State Pathologist to perform a *post mortem* examination. Dr.

Grath arrived in Killee and performed the *post mortem* examination and took back to Dublin some of the internal organs for examination by the pathologist. When his report has been received the inquest will be resumed.

**THE ACADEMY OF
CHRISTIAN ART.**

Among papers to be read at the coming session of the Academy of Christian Art will be "Early Pillimages and Their Influence," by the Rev. Professor F. Ryan, U.C.D.; "Religious Tapestry," by Count Plunzett, and "Current Art Problems," by Sean O'Sullivan. The Dante lectures will be again delivered by Count Tomacelli. Miss M. Allen will speak

Contemporary Irish Painters, and Miss Ruth Drumgoole will continue her lectures on Art Appreciation. The Rev. Myles V. Ronan, P.P., M.R.I.A., and the Rev. Stephen Brown, S.J., will also address the Academy.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

POSTMAN REMANDED

(BEFORE MR. M. LENNON.)

William Hynes (40), a postman, of Victoria avenue, Donnybrook, was remanded in custody until Wednesday next on a charge of the larceny of a postal packet containing two ten-shilling notes, which were in transmission.

**FROM THE LEGAL
DIARY**

LAW NOTICES—Monday, September 29.
IRISH LAND COMMISSION.
 Before Mr. Grove-White, at 11 o'clock—
 State of Doyle (S. 8594), discharge refused
 and settle schedule.
 At 24 Upper Marston Street.
 Before Mr. Tyrrell at 11 o'clock—Estate
 of Brown (S. 7137), discharge guaranteed
 and settle.

THE FACTS of **THE STRIKE**

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NEGOTIATING for the purchase of Clerys was informed by the Auditors that the Housing House Organisation was one of the most in Europe and that a change to modern is imperative. Mr. Guiney did not proceed re-organisation until he came into full legal

the introduction of modern accountancy the ledger clerks became redundant and no employment was available for them in the Company had to dispense with

DISMISSAL of these five people, representing the Union called on Mr. Guiney and asked 'months' pay as compensation. Mr. Guiney 'months' and the Union representatives said place the *Offer* before their members. At the Union officials said they could not way of progress.

TER COMMUNICATION was received from until the 18th inst. when a letter was delivered company intimating that unless the five people were reinstated the Staff would not report Monday, 29th inst. This was the first time asked for the reinstatement of the people and it will be noted that the demand was by a strike notice.

REFERENCE between the Company and the under the auspices of the Department of Commerce on the 27th inst., a suggestion from (Mr. D. Sullivan) that the Company receive three months' compensation, with an under-

employment to the five people concerned. When suitable vacancies arose, was turned down by officials. A suggestion to settle through employment was also turned down by them.

Direct any inconvenience caused to but every fair-minded person will? the Company is to remain in management could not agree to

CLERY & CO. (1941) LTD.
Guiney, Managing Director.

PAWNBROKERS' STRIKE

The threatened strike of pawnbrokers' assistants took place on Saturday morning last, when between 120 and 130 of these workers employed in over 20 Dublin pawnshops ceased work. The workers concerned are members of the Irish National Union of Vintners', Grocers' and Allied Trades Assistants, which had demanded a bonus of 25 per cent, which was refused.



Lark, Dear and Fair, Crisgenwood giant,
 Wonderful Young, Keep Trembling, Border
 Dark, Tasty Dogher.
 226 Vase, Larry Bob, Captain Callings,
 Cruisers, Castles, Silent Square, Sandfield
 Singer, Old Lark, What a Kettler, Social
 227 Vase (Ward), Kolch Standark,
 Crabs, Crabs, Flamingo Binner, Baytown
 228 Vase, Mellics Bink, Kins, Mellics Bink,
 229 Vase, Annie Dock, Shaka Young,
 H. Kins's Cakes, Kins, Kins, Kins,
 and, Sair Chance, Rogers' Dad, She's
 Brilliant.

DUBLIN TENNIS WIN
 M. Flanagan on Saturday a Dublin

Lieut. P. J. Corboy, A.M.S., second son of the late Dr. J. Corboy and of Mrs. Corboy, and Miss Kathleen Margaret Hickey, only daughter of the late Dr. G. Hickey and of Mrs.

CYCLING

Mr. Kelly (Gower House) maintained his masterly form on the road yesterday, when he returned fastest time in the 25 miles race of the Harro C.C. He was the winner in a field of over 50, he did 1 hour 4 mins. 45 secs. for the 25 miles (k) by 11 mins. 13 secs. in third place for the North - Italian (F. J. Fiedler), who did 1 hour 4 mins. 45 secs. for the 25 miles. He had nothing say to the handicapper, which was won by the same combination, of 11 mins. 5 secs.

BOWLING

Senior League Ball—St. James's Gate Lister 72.

Junior A Bowls—Continental 152, Kenilworth 152.

Female Bowls—Continental 83, St. James's Gate 90, Kenilworth 12, Kewburgh 12, Lister 12.

Armagh Man's Death.—An ex-serviceman, Francis Pinn (60), of Armagh, was found dead on Saturday morning at his home, where a cable attached to his chest was used premises in Thomas street.

The T.S.F. and I.D.F., with Red Cross units, turned out at full strength on the night. It is understood that the manoeuvre will continue throughout the night.

Turf Removal Licenses.—The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance (Mr. Hugh Finlay) wishes it to be known that he has received applications from the licence holders for removal of turf from their lands after last October which will be considered.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

GAIETY

ONCE NIGHTLY
TO-NIGHT IS
CELEBRITY NIGHT
AT "SO WHAT?"
When Dublin's best-known people will
be present at opening of
NINTH RECORD WEEK.
BOOKING DAILY, 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

DUBLIN MUSICAL SOCIETY

BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR
"THE DESERT SONG"
By permission of Samuel French.
At the GAIETY THEATRE,
WEEK COMMENCING OCT. 13.

OLYMPIA

ONCE NIGHTLY AT 8 P.M.
SATURDAYS, 6.30 AND 8.30.
RADIO HOPES.
NALL, BOBBY, JACK CRUISE,
BOBBY BOLTON, and the OLYMPIA
BAND. Tel. 2262.

ABBEY

Second Week at 8 p.m. sharp.
"SWANS AND GESE."
A Comedy by Elizabeth Connor.

GATE

LONGPORT
TO-MORROW, at 8 p.m.
"HEDDA GABLER."
By Henrik Ibsen.

PEACOCK THEATRE

To-night and evenings at 7.45.
"THE DOCTOR'S DIEMMA."
By Bernard Shaw.

METROPOLE

To-day at 2.30, 4.30, 7.45, 9.15.
JOHN WAYNE, FRANCES DEE
In **"CITADEL OF CRIME."**

GRAFTON

Continues 2 to 10.30 p.m.
HENRY FONDA-DOROTHY LAMOUR
In **"CHAD HASTON"**
(In Technicolor).

THEATRE DE LUXE

Dublin's Super Cinema. 3.10-10.30 p.m.
WENDY HILLER, ROBERT MONTGOMERY
In **"MAJOR BARBARA"**
(In Technicolor).

GREEN

TO-DAY, 2.30, 4.30, 7.45, 9.15.
JANE CROFT, ANNE MURPHY
In **"THEY WERE FIVE"**
(In Technicolor).

BERKELEY

HALL, GRESHAM
TO-NIGHT, 8 p.m. sharp.
"THE DUBLIN STRING"
ORCHESTRA.

THE DUBLIN STRING

Conductor-TERRY O'CONNOR.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th, AT 8 P.M.
MILHAUD and LARCHE.
Soloists: Rene Fyfe (Soprano),
Eileen O'Sullivan (Pianist).
Tickets: 5/- and 3/- (Reserved).

MURIEL CATT SCHOOL OF DANCING

120 LOWER BAGGOT STREET,
DUBLIN.
Interviews daily 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.
P.M. until 4th OCTOBER.
AUTUMN TERM BEGINS
6th OCTOBER.
Prospectus on application.

ROYAL MARINE HOTEL

Children's Classes will be resumed
on Friday, 10th October.
Babies and Toddlers, 3 p.m.;
Juniors, 4 p.m.; Seniors, 5 p.m.

MISS FLORA KIDD, A.I.S.T.D.

SCHOOL OF BALLROOM
DANCING.
Individual Tuition and Private
Classes in Ballroom Dancing and Keep
Fit have resumed at 12.30 p.m.
THE STUDIO, MILLS, 8 MERRION
Particulars on application.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA,
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
(EGGS) ACT, 1939.

The Minister for Agriculture has
appointed the number 49
to Eggs tested at "Woolers"
premises at 40, Ballinacorney,
premises during the period from 29th
September to 4th October, 1941 (both
dates inclusive).

B.5532. D. TWOMEY, Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS NA NOIBREACHA

(Commissioners of Public Works).
NOTICE TO BUILDING
CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the
Secretary will be received up to but
not later than 12 o'clock noon on the
1st October, 1941, for the adaptation
premises for a Telephone Exchange at
Eschequer Street, Dublin, in accordance
with drawings, specifications, Bill of
Materials and conditions of contract
submitted at this office.

Applications for a copy of the Bill
of Materials should be addressed to the
above Council, for a period of approxi-
mately four months.

The latest date for receipt of
tenders is Saturday, 11th October,
1941.

P. J. HERNON,
City Manager and Town Clerk,
Dublin, 27th September, 1941.

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

HIRE OF MACHINERY.

Applications are invited for the hire
of Road Rollers and Stone-Breakers,
complete with drivers, to the
above Council, for a period of approxi-
mately four months.

Form and Terms of Contract may be
had from the undersigned.

Latest date for receiving applica-
tions is Wednesday, 30th October,
1941.

Signed: T. MACMAHON,
B.E., B.Sc., M.C.E.I.,
County Surveyor's Officer,
Lifford, 26th September, 1941.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEWRY NO. 2 RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

BESSBROOK WATERWORKS.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK, OF
WORKS.

Applications are invited for the
position of Clerk of Works for the
Bessbrook Waterworks. The holder of
the appointment will continue during the
term of office of the Council, and will be
responsible for the works of the Council
(approximately eighteen months), and
otherwise will be of a temporary
character, and may be terminated by
notice on either side.

The person appointed must possess Degrees in
Engineering or other equivalent
qualifications, and must have practical
knowledge of reinforced concrete
work and of water supply systems
generally.

Applicants must show at least three
years' practical working experience.
Remuneration is offered at the rate
of £10 a week, including any local
traveling or other expenses.

Applications, in candidate's own
handwritten or typed notes, should be
delivered to the undersigned not later
than 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY,
the 8th OCTOBER, 1941.

W. B. CONNOR,
Clerk to the Rural District Council,
R.D. Council Offices,
Waterloo, Newry, 24th September, 1941.

IRISH DISTRESSED LADIES' FUND

A meeting of the Executive Com-
mittee of the Irish Distressed Ladies'
Fund was held at 6 Merrion square,
Dublin, on Friday last. Mr. Cyril H.
Dickinson presided. There were also
present: Mrs. G. Stewart, Mr. Denis
R. Pack-Beresford, D.L.; Mrs. W. F.
Ryan, Miss Kenny, and Mr. W. F.
Conroy (Secretary). Apologies for
non-attendance were received from:
The Earl of Wicklow, Lady Moore and
Lady Freyne.

The present list for October was
submitted, and cheques amounting to
£61.2s. were ordered to be issued.

Applications for assistance were dealt
with, and grants were made from the
funds administered by the Irish Dis-
tressed Ladies' Fund. The total sum
authorised out of these funds to assist
necessitous cases during the remainder
of September, and on 1st October, was
£138.3s. 8d.

Many letters from grateful recipients
of grants were received.

MOUNTAIN TIRE APPEAL

Muintir na Tire has been in
existence for five years, and its ideals
have been gathering increased support
from every section of the community,
and it is endeavouring to promote
harmony, goodwill, and Christian co-
operation, states the first national
appeal of the organisation for funds
to enable it to continue its objects.

JOHN LEYDON, Secretary,
Department of Supplies,
27th September, 1941. W.H.Co.
B.5452.

ADVERTISEMENT INDEX

Advertisements are classified as follows:

1. On and after the 2nd day of
October, 1941 no person other than a
registered paper manufacturer
shall carry on the business of
manufacturing paper.

2. No registered paper manufacturer
shall sell, dispose of, deliver or
convert any paper (whether manu-
factured by him) except under
and in accordance with a
permit issued by the Minister.
Applications for registration should
be made in writing to the
Department of Supplies, 13/14 Earls-
fort Terrace, Dublin.

The Minister may refuse any ap-
plication made after the 2nd day of
October, 1941.

Copies of the Order will be on sale
shortly.

JOHN LEYDON, Secretary,
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THE IRISH TIMES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1941.

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introduce legislation, either on the lines
proposed by the Greater Dublin Tribunal
or otherwise, that will provide the city
and county with a single representative

authority. Only by some such means is it
possible to clear up a situation which
threatens to end in hopeless confusion.
Mr. MacEntee, we believe, has the courage
to face awkward facts. He has all the
necessary materials at hand to provide the
remedy; and he yet has time to pull the
fat out of the fire.

The Neutrality Act

How far will President Roosevelt go
in his message to Congress during the
next two or three days? Some of the
political prophets in Washington believe
that he will take the bull by the horns
and made a forthright demand for the
repeal of the Neutrality Act in toto. This
measure was enacted in the very early
days of the present war. It was designed
for one purpose only—to keep the United
States out of hostilities; for in those days
the President and his advisers had not
yet formulated their present doctrine that
America's safety depends upon Great
Britain's, and that only by unremitting
help to Britain can the security of the
western hemisphere be guaranteed. It
consisted of fourteen major clauses, chief
among which were those that forbade
American ships to travel to belligerent
countries, compelled belligerent Powers
that bought goods in the United States
to take the title to them in America,
required cash in payment for goods, closed
American ports to belligerent warships,
forbade American citizens to travel in
belligerent vessels, and confined the arm-
ament of American merchant vessels to
small arms. Most of these restrictions,
in fact, have been cast aside. Under the
"Lease and Lend" legislation Great
Britain and other democratic Powers are
allowed to obtain arms without cash, and
the question of "title" has ceased to
matter. British ships have been, and are
being, repaired openly in United States
dockyards. Virtually the only clauses
that remain intact are those which forbid
American ships to enter the "war zone"—
thereby compelling Britain to carry her
purchases in her own ships—and limit the
armament of American vessels. Never-
theless, the Neutrality Act remains on the
Statute Book; it never has been
repealed. Colonel Frank Knox, the
Secretary for the Navy, is one of several
prominent politicians who have called for
its repeal, on the ground that effective
help cannot be brought to Britain on any
other terms; but many others believe that
repeal would plunge the United States
automatically into war, and would prefer
to continue the "whittling down" process.
It is possible, in the circumstances, that
President Roosevelt will keep within
bounds in his message to Congress. He
is unlikely to call for the Act's repeal,
and it is hardly more probable that he
will seek permission for American ships
to enter European waters; but there seems
to be general agreement that he will
submit a bill for the arming of merchant
vessels against attack from submarine,
surface raider or dive-bomber. Such a
proposal will meet with little opposition
from the "isolationists," who will reserve
their gunpowder for bigger occasions.
Several attacks have been made upon
American ships during the last few weeks,
and, in fact, the proposal will be far less
"anti-neutral" than several other Acts
of the United States Government—notably,
the order to the Navy to hunt down and
destroy any "Axis" submarines that may
be encountered. Technically, she is
neutral to-day; in fact, she is by far the
most useful of Great Britain's allies.

Plays for London

From time to time reports reach us
of the state of the theatre world in Great
Britain—which, although it naturally is
affected to a great extent by the war, seems
to be prospering a great deal better than
anybody anticipated. Contrary to expecta-
tions, most of the theatres have remained
open; the people have continued to attend
them, and, although many of the actors
have joined the fighting services, there are
still sufficient numbers of them in London
to meet the requirements of the producers.
The latest reports on the subject reveal
an unexpected shortage—that of new plays.
This shortage is so acute that several of
the theatre managements have become
anxious about it, and the Unity Theatre
has arranged a competition which, it is
hoped, will encourage young playwrights
to submit their work for consideration.
The first prize in the competition consists
of the immediate production of the
winning play, and the judges of the com-
petition will be Miss Beatrix Lehmann,
Mr. Rodney Ackland and Mr. Patrick
Hamilton. There is a strong tradition
among budding young playwrights that,
in order to write successfully for the
London stage, one must produce pale
imitations of the work of Mr. Frederick
Lonsdale or Mr. Noel Coward, in which
fashionable peccancies sit about in fash-
ionable Mayfair drawing-rooms and intone
the latest slang at one another over the
rims of their cocktail glasses. We are
glad to see that the Unity Theatre is not
encouraging such a tradition; as a matter
of fact, there is a strong implication in
the conditions of the competition that such
plays will be considered undesirable. As
far as one can gather, people who write
about life under modern social systems,
and especially under the present condi-
tions, will be encouraged, although, no
doubt, plays written with a view to the
difficulties of production at the present
time also will stand a reasonable chance
of approval. Circumstances have offered
young playwrights a most unusual oppor-
tunity; for, although in Dublin and in
many of the provincial cities in England
there are competitions for new plays, it
is not very often that they are invited
to submit their works for production in
London. The young men and women who
listened with bated breath to Mr. Lennox
Robinson's recent talks on the subject of
submitting their own efforts; now is the time
to put his tuition to a practical test.

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

Monday, September 29, 1941.
Morning 7.56
Evening 8.12

COURT AND PERSONAL

The Princess Royal recently visited the
Canadian Division in England, and
London, where she is a Colonel-in-
Chief.

The Duke of Devonshire and the Earl of
Drogheda were among those who attended
the luncheon party given last week in London
by the Spanish Ambassador.

The King of Norway and Crown Prince
Olav were among the guests at a luncheon
given in London last week by the British
Branch of the Norwegian Red Cross Society
in honour of the British Red Cross Society.

The Lord Mayor (Alderman P. S. Doyle,
T.D.) attended a Mass for the late Very
Rev. Cogan O'Carroll, M.A., which was held
on Saturday last at Whitefriar's Street
Church.

Commissioner and Mrs. T. Cleary gave
a reception at their home in Ailesbury road,
Dublin, on Saturday for their daughter,
Anne, whose marriage to Mr. John White
will take place on Thursday next.

The engagement is announced, and the
wedding will take place in late November at
St. Patrick's Church, Dublin, between Eric
elder son of the late John Craigan and of
Mrs. Craigan, of Vallance road, Alexandra
Park, London, and Mrs. Henry J. Roche,
Ennisceorthy Castle, Ennisceorthy, Co. Wex-
ford, and Margaret Mary, elder daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan, Thornhill,
Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

Mr. William Dooley has returned to 2 Fitz-
william square.

Dr. G. A. Barter has left 5 Sidney place,
Cork, for some weeks.

Dr. O'C. O'Reilly has returned to
Mornington, Trim.

DR. H. J. ROCHE and MISS M. M. RYAN.
The engagement is announced between Dr.
Harry Roche, of Wexford place, Wicklow,
Dublin, and Miss M. M. Ryan, of Ennisceorthy
Castle, Ennisceorthy, Co. Wexford, and Margaret
Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William
Ryan, Thornhill, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

Have you seen the new "Berkeley"?
Tailored, frocks at "Berkeley". The Autumn
collection, just arrived, is more interesting
than ever... beautiful colourings...
distinctive designs... wide range of sizes
and prices... 50/-, 60/-, 65/-, 70/-, 75/-,
80/-, 85/-, 90/-, 95/-, 100/-, 110/-, 120/-,
130/-, 140/-, 150/-, 160/-, 170/-, 180/-,
190/-, 200/-, 210/-, 220/-, 230/-, 240/-,
250/-, 260/-, 270/-, 280/-, 290/-, 300/-,
310/-, 320/-, 330/-, 340/-, 350/-, 360/-,
370/-, 380/-, 390/-, 400/-, 410/-, 420/-,
430/-, 440/-, 450/-, 460/-, 470/-, 480/-,
490/-, 500/-, 510/-, 520/-, 530/-, 540/-,
550/-, 560/-, 570/-, 580/-, 590/-, 600/-,
610/-, 620/-, 630/-, 640/-, 650/-, 660/-,
670/-, 680/-, 690/-, 700/-, 710/-, 720/-,
730/-, 740/-, 750/-, 760/-, 770/-, 780/-,
790/-, 800/-, 810/-, 820/-, 830/-, 840/-,
850/-, 860/-, 870/-, 880/-, 890/-, 900/-,
910/-, 920/-, 930/-, 940/-, 950/-, 960/-,
970/-, 980/-, 990/-, 1000/-, 1010/-, 1020/-,
1030/-, 1040/-, 1050/-, 1060/-, 1070/-,
1080/-, 1090/-, 1100/-, 1110/-, 1120/-,
1130/-, 1140/-, 1150/-, 1160/-, 1170/-,
1180/-, 1190/-, 1200/-, 1210/-, 1220/-,
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